

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about the current times? What are similarities and differences between these times and times in the past?

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Read Romans 13:11-14

- 1. Paul wrote "the hour and the day has come to wake from sleep". What does sleep, in this passage, represent?
- 2. What did Paul mean by writing "salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed"?
- 3. What did Paul mean by writing "the night is far spent"?
- 4. How do we put on the armor of light? How do we put on the Lord Jesus Christ? How will this impact our attitudes and actions?
- 5. What is the difference between putting on Christ in Galatians 3:27 (justification) and putting on Christ in Romans 13:14 (sanctification)?
- 6. Read Galatians 1:1-5. Why and how can Christians face this present evil age with power, love, new desires? What is the urgency?
- 7. As believers in Jesus, are we at war? If so, discuss the war. Then, read 1 Peter 5:8 and Matthew 26:41.
- 8. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. What are the key components of the armor of God and how do they help the believer?

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- 9. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11. What are characteristics of Christ-followers noted in this passage? What is God's plan for believers?
- 10. Describe a time when you recently had an opportunity to stand firm for Jesus or God, battle against or defeat the adversary, or glorify God in these times.

Prayer activity: Give thanks to God for the gifts he has given you as a believer - justification through Jesus, continual sanctification through his Word and through putting on Jesus, and victory over the adversary in these times and in the age to come. Thank him for giving you everything you need to defeat the works of the enemy and stand firm for Jesus.

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Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk properly as in the day, putting on Jesus and the armor of light in this present age.

Read: John 14:1-6

Write: Write down any questions you might have from the sermon and submit them to the website to be answered in a future podcast.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: Romans 13:14 and Matthew 5:16

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